

8. EXTENSION OF RANGE OF COPPERHEAD SNAKE,
ELAPHE RADIATA SCHLEGEL (OPHIDIA: COLUBRIDAE)
TO DOON VALLEY AND DOON SIWALIKS

During studies on snakes of the District Dehra Dun and the Doon Siwaliks I identified two specimens of *Elaphe radiata* Schlegel from Doon Valley and from Doon Siwaliks in the collections of this Regional Station. So far the species has never been recorded from north-western India. The specimens are:

Material: 1 Adult ♂, Regd. No. V 490, from Dhool Kot Forest, Jhajra Forest Range, Dehra Dun Forest Division, District Dehra Dun, collected on 22 March, 1967, by Shri Attar Singh. Snout to vent 1652 mm. Tail 405 mm.

1 Adult ♂, Regd. No. V 411, from Mohund Forest (Doon Siwaliks Hill), Mohund Forest Range, Saharanpur Forest Division, District Saharanpur, collected on 7 Nov. 1964, by Shri T. D. Soota. Snout to vent 1656 mm. Tail 405 mm.

Smith (FAUNA OF BRITISH INDIA. Reptilia & Amphibia 3) has given the range of this species as 'from Orissa (Cuttack) and the Eastern Himalayas (Sikkim) to South China and through whole of the Indo-Chinese subregion to the Malay Archipelago'. The present record of the species from Doon Valley and Doon Siwaliks considerably extends the Western range of the species. In Nepal it is recorded from Arun River Valley, Eastern Nepal and Hitaura, Central Nepal (Swan & Leviton 1962)¹.

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9. SNAKE COLLECTION DATA IN AN AREA
NEAR BOMBAY

The following is a listing of species of snakes collected on or near Ghodbunder Road, a stretch connecting Thana and Borivli, about 35 miles out of Bombay. The terrain is mostly hilly, with cultivated areas (paddy) and mango groves broken up by areas of forest sometimes quite dense. Besides a fairly heavy snake population, the area

¹ SWAN, LAWRENCE W. & LEVITON, ALAN E. (1962): The herpetology of Nepal: A history, checklist and Zoogeographical analysis of the Herpetofauna. *Proc. California Acad. Sci.* 33 (6): 103-147.